

At long last, the scientific community has recognized the severity and scope of this problem and is engaged in its solution. Congress has created this superb program, which is succeeding where others have failed. Congress must provide the necessary resources to continue this progress.

Additional funding would be used for pilot studies of promising treatments, for clinical trials of treatments shown effective in earlier pilot studies, and for the execution of collaborative research plans developed by consortiums of scientists funded in prior years.

As you know, our nation owes a sacred debt to the men and women who willingly serve and sacrifice while wearing our country's uniform. At this critical time in researching and understanding Gulf War illness, it is vital that bipartisan leadership points out the accomplishments of this small program to our colleagues, to ensure that it survives the current legislative session and its benefits are not lost to veterans of the Gulf War and future wars.

I urge my colleagues to support this important amendment to ensure the continuation of the Gulf War Illness Research Program.

BIRTHDAY OF IRV PICKLER

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2011

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor the life of Irv Pickler, and wish him the best in his 90th year of life. Irv has demonstrated an exceptional dedication to public service in the community, and has made a lasting effect on all the people he has touched.

After graduating from California State University, Los Angeles, with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Irv joined the United States Army and later transferred to the United States Air Force. In England, he flew 35 missions into France and Germany as a bombardier-navigator. After 4 years of service, he returned to Los Angeles to be with his wife and young children.

Eventually settling in Southern California, Irv opened his own printing company, "Printing Dimensions," in Orange County. Today, nearly 55 years later, Irv works to bring people together to accomplish client objectives with his company, "Pickler and Associates." Irv has demonstrated a firm commitment to community involvement. As a member of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Anaheim, he was twice named "Kiwanian of the Year." In 1993, he was elected as a Distinguished Lieutenant Governor of the club. Irv has also served 25 years on the Cypress College Foundation Board of Directors.

In the 1970s, Irv was appointed to the Cemetery Commission in Anaheim, and to the Orange County Planning Commission, on which he served one term as a chairman. In 1982, Irv was elected to the Anaheim City Council, serving a total of 12 years, including 3 times as Mayor pro-tem. He consolidated half a dozen Orange County transportation agencies into the Orange County Transportation Authority, which produced gains in efficiency, and increased accountability. When California introduced its first cellular solar-powered callbox system, Irv was behind it. He negotiated the

agreement with the California Department of Transportation and the California Private Transportation Corporation to construct the nation's first fully-automated, congestion priced toll road, State Route 91. Irv laid the groundwork for the purchase of right-of-way and widening of Interstate 5, which resulted in the largest public works project in Orange County in over a generation. He also helped pass Measure M, the successful sales tax program that invested in voter-approved transportation projects. It's no question that he demonstrated exceptional leadership during his tenure as Vice President of the Orange County Transportation Authority.

Irv currently serves as a member of the Orange County Water District Board of Directors. He has previously served as Water Issues Committee Chairman and on the Administration/Finance Committee, Investment Committee, External Communications Task Team, and Santa Ana Water Project Authority. During his tenure on the Water District Board of Directors, Irv played a key role in the development of the revolutionary Groundwater Replenishment System, a project that has been recognized with numerous national and international awards.

Irv has served as chairman of the Orange County Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Advisory Committee; president of Orange County Division of the League of California Cities, and member the Anaheim Union High School District Board of Trustees, Anaheim's Parks and Recreation Commission, the Anaheim Public Library Board, the Transportation Corridor Agencies, Southern California Regional Rail Authority, and the Southern California Air Quality Management District Inter-Agency Implementation Company.

Other government agencies with which Irv has worked include the Los Angeles/San Diego Rail Corridor Committee, Orange County Cities Airport Authority, Southern California Association of Governments, Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency, and Metrolink Joint Committee, and he also supports Acacia Adult Day Care, Alzheimer's Foundation, the Anaheim Family YMCA, the Anaheim Boys and Girls Clubs, and Anaheim Arts Council.

It is clear that Irv Pickler has maintained a firm devotion to public service throughout his life. As he embarks upon his 90th year, I would like to recognize his achievements and thank him for his dedication.

HONORING MR. J.D. LINDSEY

HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2011

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring Mr. J.D. Lindsey of Tift County, GA. Mr. Lindsey is a U.S. Marine and a decorated World War II Veteran. He received the Purple Heart for wounds suffered while serving our Nation on active duty. Since his discharge from the Marine Corps, he has worked tirelessly for veterans' causes and issues. He was responsible for obtaining the DAV van that is used to transport veterans to their medical appointments at the VAMC facility in Dublin, GA each week. He uses his personal funds to see that the van continues to run each week without

interruption. When necessary, he has also used his personal vehicle to ensure that every veteran in need makes it to his or her appointments. He has unselfishly given of his time and money to not only serve our Nation while on active duty, but has remained committed to caring for his fellow veterans and their families all over the Tift area. Any number of citizens of Tifton have benefited greatly from his kindness and benevolence.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me today in honoring Mr. J.D. Lindsey for his unwavering commitment and service to our country and our community.

REAFFIRMING COMMITMENT TO NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to express my strong support for H. Res. 268, reaffirming America's support for direct Palestinian-Israeli negotiations as the best means to settle the conflict and the only path to statehood for the Palestinians.

A Palestinian state created in the middle of this conflict would be a state created to make war.

Nothing would be more dangerous or more unworkable than for the Palestinians to gain the status of statehood without at the same time taking on the duties of a responsible state—namely, a commitment to peace with its neighbors and basic rights for all of its citizens.

The United Nations—a body established as a place of peace—should not create a state that is committed to destroying its neighbor. And, until the Palestinians agree to recognize Israel's right to exist and disarm the terrorists, there is no chance that a Palestinian state would be committed to peaceful co-existence with its neighbor.

This resolution is a simple, basic, common-sense restatement of the clear fact that the dispute between the Palestinians and the Israelis cannot be resolved unilaterally; it cannot be resolved by UN fiat; it cannot be resolved by outside forces; it cannot be resolved if the Palestinians refuse to recognize Israel as a Jewish state; it cannot be resolved if Palestinians refuse to forswear terrorism against Israel and take actions to dismantle their terrorist infrastructure; it cannot be resolved if the Palestinians continue to set preconditions for coming to the bargaining table; and, it cannot be resolved unless all members of the Palestinian unity government agree to abide by previous agreements with the United States and Israel.

This conflict can only be resolved by both parties sitting down at a table and hammering out an agreement on the basic issues that divide them.

The Palestinians must understand that they will only have a state once they make peace with Israel.

I hope the United States would make clear its intention to veto any unilateral declaration of statehood at the United Nations and to penalize the Palestinians if they are foolhardy